

DIAMONDS IN HER SHOES.

A Queer Hiding Place for a Woman's Valuables.

Mrs. Henriques, of South Orange, sent her shoes to William Van Iderstine's shoe store by a small boy, who went through the street swinging them in his two hands, and finally deposited them in the shoe dealer's hands with a request to stretch them. Mr. Van Iderstine thrust his fingers into one of the shoes, as all shoemakers do on such occasions. He found an obstruction, and, tugging at it, he brought to light a small chain bag containing four brilliant unset diamonds. Shaking the shoe vigorously, he spilled out a pair of diamond earrings, two cluster rings, two solitaire rings, and a handsome cluster brooch. After giving time to astonishment for some minutes, the shoemaker gathered up the precious jewelry and hastened to Mrs. Henriques' house.

"What do you keep in your shoes?" he asked.

"I do not know," answered the lady, "unless it may be a few diamonds. I sometimes put diamonds away for safe keeping by putting them in my shoes. Did you find any?"

Mr. Van Iderstine then handed over the property, remarking that she must be forgetful. She took the stones in a matter of fact way, merely remarking that it was rather careless. Judges of precious stones who saw the collection said that \$2,000 would not more than cover the cost.

Home Decoration.

No one who enters many of the homes of the country can fail to notice what a marked progress has been made in beautifying them. Almost every young woman and many of the older ones are now capable of doing a large variety of things that go to make up home decoration, and these are found in the household in profusion. A few cents or dollars will go to a surprising length in the purchase of materials for this work of aestheticism, and these in the deft fingers of wife and daughter become choice attractions in beautifying the home.

The decoration of the home is not only an effect of the growing taste and appreciation of the time, but it is also a cause of improving them. Whoever lives amid beautiful surroundings partakes of the influence that emanates from them, and his or her life must be moulded considerably by them. They give a tone to life just as a painting gives a tone from its coloring. The mothers and daughters of the land, by means of their home decoration and beautifying, are giving a new coloring to life that makes it more precious than ever before.

Journalism Under Difficulties.

"We greatly dislike to find fault with any of the customs of our beautiful little city," says a Dakota editor, "but we must nevertheless insist that people keep their swine out from under the office of this paper. While engaged at our desk writing our leader on 'The Stability of Our Territorial Institutions,' for our paper this week, one of Senator McBride's razor-locked hogs humped up its spine and began scratching its back on the beams under the floor, jarring the whole building and making it necessary for us to stop our work on the editorial, crawl under our office and well the critter along the side with a column rule. This interrupted our train of thought, and the editorial is not what we could wish."

Parents Objected to Soap and Water.

The little town of Sabina, Ohio, has been greatly stirred up of late over the trial of Miss Clara Noon, a young school teacher of that place, who was being tried by the school trustees for punishing one of her pupils for lying. Miss Noon's mode of punishment consisted in scrubbing out the pupil's mouth with soap and water. The parents of the child objected to the form of punishment, and hence the row. After much bitterness on all sides the trustees rendered a decision in favor of the young schoolmistress.

Reasons for Girls Marrying Early.

You don't run the risk of dying an old maid.

If you make a bad match you can blame it to inexperience.

When you are getting old no one will take you but a widower.

It prevents your married friends from sympathizing with you.

If you wait till you are 30 it is hard to get a young husband.

You have a better chance to catch a second husband if you happen to lose your first.

A Four-Legged Thief.

In Newport, England, there is a confederator who for several nights recently missed from his bake house dainty morsels of pastry and candy. He set a watch, and a form resembling that of a boy was seen stealthily creeping along the roof of the adjoining bake house. No attention was paid to it, as it came down, and a gun was fired. The aim was good, and a dead monkey rolled from the roof into the road.

A Big Nugget.

A gold nugget weighing twenty-two and one-half ounces, and valued at \$560, was picked up by George Liles on his place near Atlanta, Idaho. It was the largest nugget ever found in the Territory.

A Valuable Cargo.

A costly conveyance passed the other day through Berlin, Germany. It consisted of fifteen heavy iron trunks which were loaded from the depot at the eastern boundary to the western limits of the city and there stored in cars bound for Paris and Amsterdam. At the latter place nearly all the older Russian lions were met, and the interest on them is still being paid there. The stock exchange of Paris having of late been selected as broker for floating the loans of the Russian government, it is of importance to set as much Russian gold rolling there as possible. For such reason the fifteen cases, weighing about 2,100 pounds and containing 5,000,000 of gold rubles, were sent westward. The population of Russia is hardly ever treated the pleasure of seeing gold coins, they have to do their business on the depreciated greenbacks of the Imperial treasury.

Cause of His Parsimony.

John has become very economical; in fact he may be called avaricious.

"Why are you so economical?" demanded his wife.

"For the sake of our children," he answered.

"But we have no children."

"Then, for the sake of our grandchildren."

Out of Place.

A particular old gentleman, pulling something out of his soup that should not have been included among the other ingredients, thus addressed his cook:

"Josephine, I am much obliged for your thoughtfulness, but next time kindly give it to me in a pocket."

COULDN'T REST IN BED.

The Experience of a Gang of Cowboys Who Sought Civilized Slumber.

H. P. Levisay, of Montana, the wealthy cattle owner, who was born and raised a cowboy, loves to talk of the times when he roamed the plains and did battle with the storms of winter and the fierce heat of summer. This is one of his stories.

"The cowboy is seldom quarrelsome, but is apt to do a great many things for fun that look outrageous to the average peaceable citizen. I remember one time just after the Arkansas roundup, that a party of the boys, myself included, were quartered at Dodge City. We all got rooms at the hotel, and determined to go to bed early that night, and have a real civilized sleep. It was about 10 o'clock in the afternoon, and we spent the time until midnight speculating as to the sensations we would experience in sleeping in a bed. Jim Lane told us about his mother's big, soft, feather beds, and before he finished every one of us was bed-hungry. We could fairly hear the raindrops pattering on the roof of the old white farm house up in New England, and the rustle of the apple boughs against the window panes. At last night dropped down, and Charlie Hooper rose to his feet, yawned, stretched himself, and said with an air of assumed indifference: 'Good-night, boys; I'm tired and I'm going to bed.'"

"The remainder of the company followed suit, and soon the whole outfit had been shown their rooms, which were all in a row. In some instances the boys were put two in a room. The first thing I heard was the voice of Jim Lane, who was consulting with his room mate for using the pillow-shams for a towel. From the room on the other side came a voice laden with the information that the proper way to sleep in a bed was to remove boots, leggings, pantaloons, and all. After awhile things quieted down somewhat, but I could not sleep. The air of the room was stifling, and it seemed as if I could smell everything that had ever been cooked in the house. The strangest kind of noises set every nerve on edge. I got up and opened the window, thereby setting a bad example, for windows were soon slat banging all along the line. Jim Lane's companion brought down another shower of wrath by desperately smashing an obstinate sash with a boot. But the open window brought no relief, and in less than an hour after I retired I was dressed and sneaking out of the house, with my two blankets, making a bee-line for grass. The first man I encountered was Jim Lane, and in less than two minutes there was not a cowboy in the hotel. After that no more beds for us."

BESIDE THE CRADLE.

There, in his tiny cot, he is sleeping a slumber. Here, by his cradle-side, I sit, and watch, and weep.

Watch, with the thought of his future searing my weary brain—Weep, for he will bring him—the sorrow, the care, and the pain.

Have I not done him a wrong, in flinging him into the strife? Will he thank me, one day, think you, for the thankless gift of life?

Calm in his baby slumber, with rosy lips apart; Ah, me! to think of him sleeping, tossing with aching heart!

Deadly the struggle for bread—fierce and fiercer it grows; Will he stand or fall in the battle, my darling one? God knows.

Dreary the dull, sad round, from morning till evening light—Out to the desk with the day, home from the desk at night.

Will life have nothing better to offer my dear-est one? Then better, a thousand times better, his life had never begun.

Yet, if success be his lot, will happiness come in its train? Or is that but a phantom light, that we follow, but never attain?

Success! to be fawned on by some, reviled and belittled by most; Hated for winning the race by the crowd who have struggled and lost.

The snares of the evil women are waiting his feet to entwine; And the rattling lure of the dice-box, and the strong-arch-curse of wine.

His heart will be torn by the cry of the hungry who cannot feed; While his eyes will be in his chariot and Lazarus dies in his need.

And the clash of contending creeds will hurtle about his head; But the world will be dark and cheerless, no though goodness and God were dead.

Have I not done him a wrong in flinging him into the strife? Will he not pray for the rest that ends our poor wearisome life?

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A STRANGE CRIME.

Killed Her Father for Compelling Her to Go to Early Church.

There is a girl named Leila Burgess serving a life term in the Dade county Ga. coal mines, the story of whose crime is somewhat strange. Her father, James Burgess, lived near Martin, in the western part of the State. He had two daughters, the youngest of whom was Leila. About three years ago he joined the church and became a regular church attendant. He was pained to see that his two daughters now grown to young womanhood, did not care to attend the religious services with the regularity that he did, and where all should have been concord the bitterness of discord grew up. After a while Burgess told the girls that a revival was about to open, and that he expected them to attend every service, and if they did not there would be somebody to whip. For three mornings the girls failed to appear at the "revival" meetings. The fourth morning Burgess pulled the girls out of bed and began to chastise one of them severely. When he had beaten her into submission he began on the other, Leila, who was the first one chastised, slipped out of the room, procured an ax, and with one stroke buried the edge of it in her father's skull. The girl was five inches long and penetrated the brain half an inch. Afterwards the girl sat looking sullenly at the crowd of body of her father, oblivious of the crowds which pressed in to behold the scene of blood. She was convicted on the highest grade of manslaughter, and took her place among the convicts uncomplainingly, merely saying that she would commit the crime over again before she would be compelled to go to church again so early in the morning.

Where Admiration Stopped.

"I may have tired you, old man, by talking so much about Naomi, but you know every fellow thinks his own girl is the prettiest."

"I don't think mine is."

"You don't? You can't be capable of true affection, then."

"Oh, yes, I can; but you see I've been married to my girl five years."

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E. L. STARK.

Teacher's Examination.

The spring series of examinations for Gratiot county, will be held as follows: ITHACA, THURSDAY MARCH 1ST 1888. ST. LOUIS, FRIDAY " 30th " ALMA, FRIDAY APRIL 27th "

Applicants are required to be present during the entire examination, which will commence at one o'clock p. m. First and second grade certificates granted only from the regular examination, held March 1st. For further information in regard to requirements and rules, apply to the Secretary.

GILES T. BROWN

Sec. Board School Examiners.

FOR SALE—A good second hand 25 horse power engine cheap.

The undersigned is prepared to serve oysters in every style, at all hours, at his restaurant west of H. A. Delevau's.

S. G. Hopkins.

Farm for Sale.

I offer the 200 acres situated on section 1 and 2, in Summer, known as the Hamilton-Pritchard farm, for sale. On the place are six dwelling houses, a large frame barn, a medium size frame barn, corn house, a superior fruit orchard and pure living water. The soil is of the best and well adapted for both grain and stock. The place is well watered by dividing into three parcels, and I will sell the whole or any number of acres, at a dollar per acre. Address me at Adrian, Mich. 466-5W Wm. H. Waldley.

I have been Peg-in-all the time on prices, and have kicked them down so low, that my few friends, and large number of enemies will find it to their advantage to examine my stock of watches, clocks and jewelry before purchasing.

G. B. Porter.

For sore throat of any kind, go to Miller's and buy a bottle of Willard's Sore Throat Cure.

Dr. W. Kelly.

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Best Sets of Teeth from \$5.00 upward. Filling and Preserving the Natural Teeth.

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Notice of Pendency of Petition.

NOTICE is hereby given that we, Abraham Schellenberger and Rachel Schellenberger his wife, the subscribers hereto, did on the 2nd day of February A. D. 1888, the same being at least thirty days before the setting of the next term of the Circuit Court in and for Gratiot County, cause to be filed with the clerk of the circuit court for said county (said clerk being the Register in chambers) a petition in which it is asked and prayed that certain plat known as Schellenberg's addition to Ashley, in said county, recorded in the office of the Register of deeds in and for said county, in book two (2) of plats on page twenty-two (22) be created, amended and held, for aught the same to all intents and purposes as of the same had not been placed on record.

Said petition sets forth a detailed description of the lands to be vacated, the names of the persons to be particularly affected thereby and their interests therein also, the particular circumstance upon which said petition is based and relief prayed for.

And further, notice is hereby given that said petition will be brought on for a hearing upon proofs to be taken in support thereof in open court at the opening of the court at the next term thereof to be held at Ashley, in said county, on the 2nd day of March A. D. 1888, or as soon thereafter as said petition can be heard.

ABRAHAM SCHELLENBERGER, PETITIONERS. RACHEL SCHELLENBERGER, PETITIONERS. W. A. HAYES, Solicitor for Petitioners.

MORTGAGE SALE—Whereas default has been made in the payment of the money secured by a mortgage dated the 14th day of January in the year of our Lord 1888, by Charles S. Cline, of Pine River, Gratiot County, Michigan to Daniel R. Sullivan, of the same place, which said mortgage is recorded in the office of the Register of deeds of the county of Gratiot, in book of mortgages on page 14 of the 1st day of January in the year 1888, and whereas the amount claimed to be due on said mortgage at the date of this notice is the sum of Two thousand and thirty-nine dollars and ninety-eight cents (\$2,339.98), principal and interest, and the further sum of twenty-five dollars as an attorney fee stipulated for in said mortgage and which is the whole amount claimed to be due and unpaid on said mortgage and no suit or proceeding having been instituted to enforce the same or to recover the debt now remaining secured by said mortgage or any part thereof whereby the power of sale contained in said mortgage has become operative. Now therefore notice is hereby given that by virtue of the said power of sale and in pursuance of the statute in such cases made and provided, the said mortgagee do hereby describe the premises therein described at public auction to the highest bidder, at the front door of the village of Ithaca, in said county on the 14th day of April A. D. 1888 at nine o'clock in the forenoon of that day, which said premises are described in said mortgage as follows, to wit: The southeast quarter of the northwest quarter and the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter, all of section twelve (12) in township twelve (12) north of range three (3) west in said county of Gratiot and state of Michigan.

Dated January 14th A. D. 1888. JAMES K. WRIGHT AND T. WRIGHT, Attys for Mortgagee.

DANIEL R. SULLIVAN, Mortgagee.

MORTGAGE SALE—Default having been made in the payment of a certain mortgage made and executed by John S. Gortner, of Ithaca, Gratiot county, Michigan, to the township of Ithaca, in said county, which said mortgage is recorded in the office of the Register of deeds for Gratiot County, Michigan, on the 29th day of December, 1887, at 3 o'clock p. m. in book 12 of mortgages, on page 14, and upon which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at this date, the principal and interest the sum of three hundred and thirty-four and forty-three cents (\$334.43), and no proceedings having been taken to collect the same or any part thereof, enforce the law or equity, notice is hereby given, that by virtue of the power of sale in said mortgage given, and in pursuance of the statute in such cases made and provided, there will be sold at public sale, due to the highest bidder, on the 14th day of April, 1888, at 10 a. m., at the front door of the court house, in the village of Ithaca, Gratiot county, Michigan, this being the place for holding circuit court, for said county, the premises in said mortgage described, or as much thereof as shall be necessary to satisfy the debt due on said mortgage with seven per cent interest and legal costs together with an attorney fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00), and costs of sale, to wit: That is to say the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of section twelve (12) in township twelve (12) north of range four west, in said county and state.

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MORTGAGE SALE—Default having been made in the payment of a certain mortgage made and executed by John S. Gortner, of Ithaca, Gratiot county, Michigan, to the township of Ithaca, in said county, which said mortgage is recorded in the office of the Register of deeds for Gratiot County, Michigan, on the 29th day of December, 1887, at 3 o'clock p. m. in book 12 of mortgages, on page 14, and upon which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at this date, the principal and interest the sum of three hundred and thirty-four and forty-three cents (\$334.43), and no proceedings having been taken to collect the same or any part thereof, enforce the law or equity, notice is hereby given, that by virtue of the power of sale in said mortgage given, and in pursuance of the statute in such cases made and provided, there will be sold at public sale, due to the highest bidder, on the 14th day of April, 1888, at 10 a. m., at the front door of the court house, in the village of Ithaca, Gratiot county, Michigan, this being the place for holding circuit court, for said county, the premises in said mortgage described, or as much thereof as shall be necessary to satisfy the debt due on said mortgage with seven per cent interest and legal costs together with an attorney fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00), and costs of sale, to wit: That is to say the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of section twelve (12) in township twelve (12) north of range four west, in said county and state.

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